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URBAN DISTRICT OF DRIFFIELD

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1955

including



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of the

SANITARY INSPECTOR

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To the Chairman, Alderman and Councillors,
Urban District of Driffield

Mr. Chairman and Gentleman,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the
Health Services of the Urban District for the Year 1955.

There were no adverse factors affecting the health of the
District during the year.

Yours faithfully,

E.T. COLVILLE

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District	Driffield
Area in acres	2,420
Population : 1955 Registrar General	6,900
Rateable value (December)	£34,809
Sum represented by a penny rate	£137
Estimated number of inhabited houses	1,923
Birth-rate	14.5
Death-rate	13.6
Infant mortality rate	20.0

VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Live Births :

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	55	43	98
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	<u>100</u>		

Birth-rate 14.5 per 1,000
Percentage of illegitimate births 2.0

(b) Still-births :

There was 1 still-birth (legitimate) during the year, equivalent to a rate of 0.14 per 1,000 population.

(c) Deaths :

The number of deaths registered during the year as belonging to the Urban District was 94. This is equal to a death-rate of 13.6 per 1,000. The comparability factor to correct the crude death-rate for age and sex distribution in the Urban District is calculated by the Registrar General at 0.75, this on multiplication with the actual rate gives a comparative death-rate of 10.2 per 1,000.

The causes of death are given in Table 1.

(d) Infant Mortality Rate :

There were 2 deaths in infants under 1 year of age (legitimate). The infantile mortality rate based upon the number of live births registered during the year, i.e., 100 is equivalent to a rate of 20.0 per 1,000 births.

(e) Maternal Mortality :

There was 1 death from maternal causes.

TABLE 1
Causes of Death in Driffield U.D., 1955 (R.G.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All causes	46	48
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
Cancer, lung, bronchus	2	-
Cancer, breast	-	1
Cancer, other sites	3	4
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	7
Coronary disease, angina	8	14
Hypertension with heart disease	-	2
Other heart disease	9	2
Other circulatory disease	2	1
Bronchitis	6	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	13
Accidents (excluding motor vehicle)	-	1

TABLE 11
1955 Provisional Statistics - England and Wales

Births

Live Births 15.0 per 1,000 home population
 Still-births 23.1 per 1,000 total live and
 still-births

Deaths

Death-rate 11.7 per 1,000 home population
 Infant Mortality 24.9 per 1,000 related live births

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious
and Other Diseases

The undermentioned infectious diseases were notified during the year:

Measles	252
Pneumonia	8
Scarlet Fever	1
Whooping Cough	9

There were no deaths from Measles or Whooping Cough

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children who completed the full course of immunisation in the Authority's area between 1st January and 31st December, 1955, is as follows:

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
69	-

In addition 15 children received boosting doses.

The estimated number of children immunised at any time who were born between 1941 and 1955 is as follows :

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
234	863

Tuberculosis 1955

The Register of Tuberculosis for the District for the year was as follows :

	<u>Pulmonary</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Non-</u> <u>Pulmonary</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1954	15	8	4	4	31
Added to the Register :					
(a) cases notified for the first time during year ...	2	-	1	-	3
(b) un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notification ...	1	-	-	-	1
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc.	2	1	-	-	3
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1955	16	7	5	4	32

A mass radiography survey by the Leeds Regional Hospital Board was held in Driffield in June, 1955. There were 599 examinations by miniature radiography, and of these 9 were thought to have significant abnormalities.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

Laboratory Facilities

Specimens for bacteriological and pathological examinations are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull or to the Pathological Laboratory at Beverley Hospital.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Weekly sessions are held at the East Riding County Council Clinic established at Victoria Road, Driffield.

Ante-Natal

Fortnightly sessions are held at the East Riding County Council Clinic established at Victoria Road, Driffield.

Maternity Services

Domiciliary births in the Urban District during the year totalled 25, the remainder occurred in hospital.

Nursing in the Home

2 District Nurse/Midwives are resident in the town.

Hospitals - Regional Hospital Board

All cases of infectious diseases are admitted to Cottingham Infectious Diseases Hospital when necessary.

Maternity cases are admitted to the special wings of the East Riding General Hospital, Driffield, and the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington.

Ambulance Service

This is maintained by the County Council, the whole of the East Riding being adequately covered.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water

Water is supplied to the District by the Driffield Water Company. In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, the water is chlorinated.

There are two bores, at the North End and Spellowgate Pumping Station.

Bacteriological examination of the crude supply, at the bores, shows that the water is free from pollution and equivalent to Class 1 of the Ministry of Health Classification for piped water supplies.

The results of samples of piped water supplies were as follows :

<u>Raw Water</u> <u>Bacter. Exam.</u>			<u>Treated Water</u> <u>Bacter. Exam.</u>		
<u>No.</u> <u>Exam.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Un-</u> <u>Satis.</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Exam.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Un-</u> <u>Satis.</u>
6	6	-	3	3	-

Sewage Disposal

Negotiations are still in progress with Hull Corporation re the construction of new sewage disposal works.

Closet Accommodation

During the year 18 earth closets have been converted to the water carriage system. At the end of the year 348 earth closets remain in use.

Refuse and Night Soil Collection

A weekly collection of household refuse is maintained. Night soil is disposed of at the Sewage Farm; dry refuse is disposed of at the Wold Hill Tip.

Salvage

During the year the following quantities of salvage have been sold :

	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Baled waste paper	24	7	2	187.	1.	4.
Scrap iron		9	3	2.	8.	9.
Scrap copper			2	2.	5.	0.
Rags		1	3	2.	4.	3.
	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>193.</u>	<u>19.</u>	<u>4.</u>

Rodent Control

Disinfestation is carried out in accordance with the methods recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Rodent Control Division. During the year the following premises have been disinfested :

<u>Business Premises</u>	<u>Private Dwellings</u>	<u>Council Premises</u>	<u>Public Sewers</u>
8	36	8	1

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

<u>Nature of Visits of Inspection</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Rodent Control	146
Premises under Public Health Acts	65
Public conveniences	48
Conversion of privies, etc.	18
Drainage	61
Factory premises	95
Moveable dwellings	31
Slaughterhouses	27
Knackers yards	6
Bakehouses	12
Meat shops	18
Food preparing premises	17
General food premises	19
Smoke observations	7
Ice cream premises	17
Dairies	11
Piggeries	7
Water supply	9
Food inspection and sampling	41
Inspection of water courses	22
Accumulation of waste	6
Inspection of verminous premises	4
Inspections under Housing Act 1949	82
Inspections under Housing Acts 1936 - 1954	32
	<u>801</u>

Housing

Total number of houses in district	1,923
Number of new houses built during the year by Local Authority	-
Number of new houses built during the year by other owners.....	25
Number of houses dealt with under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936	4
Number of houses demolished during the year	-
Number of new houses in course of erection at end of year : (a) by Local Authority	-
(b) by private owners	19
Number of houses improved under Housing Act 1949	8
Number of houses in course of improvement under Housing Act 1949 at end of year	7
Number of houses inspected for Housing Survey	18

Inspection and Supervision of Food

There are 5 retailers of milk in the District.

Dealers licences authorising the special designations, as
under, have been issued :

Pasteurised	1
Sterilised	7
Tuberculin Tested	2

Samples of milk submitted for bacteriological examination	4
Samples of pasteurised milk submitted for phosphatase test ...	4
Samples of sterilised milk submitted for turbidity test	4

The above samples were all satisfactory.

Ice Cream

There are 25 premises registered for the sale of ice cream. In these premises the ice cream is sold all the year and is chiefly of the wrapped variety.

Ice cream is manufactured at 1 premise only in the District.

Number of inspections of premises during the year	17
Number of samples sent for bacteriological examination ..	3

All the above samples were found to be satisfactory.

Other Foods

The following articles of food were found to be unfit for human consumption and destroyed :

	<u>lbs.</u>
112 tins of meat	410
78 tins of milk	112
269 tins of vegetables ...	482
204 tins of fruit	484
2 tins of fish	1
Cod fillet	14
Beef	44
Pork	30
Bacon	78
Sausages	40
Cheese	7
18 eggs	-
	<u>1,702</u>

Meat Inspection

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and</u>	<u>Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number inspected	1,520	114	3,460	3,828	

Carcase meat condemned:

Cattle

9 beasts and all organs, 13 part carcase, 2 forequarters, 2 part forequarters, 56 heads and tongues, 92 lungs, 195 livers, 189 part livers, 2 fats and 5 skirtings.

Calves

9 calves and all organs.

Sheep and Lambs

40 sheep and all organs, 5 carcase, 9 part carcase, 2 forequarters, 7 plucks and 34 livers.

Pigs

13 pigs and all organs, 1 carcase, 5 part carcase, 96 heads, 98 fats, 56 plucks, 90 livers, 2 legs and 1 part leg.

Factories Act, 1937 and 1948

1. Inspections for purpose of provision as to health :

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written notices
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	47	44	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	69	31	1
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	8	20	-
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	124	95	1
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2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Ineffective drainage of floors	1	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences :			
(a) Insufficient	1	-	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) - Means of escape in case of fire, not provided	1	-	1
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